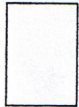
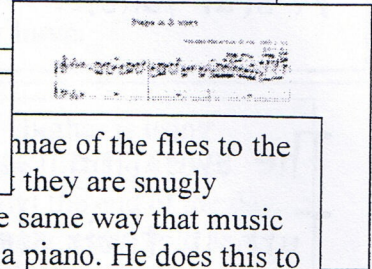
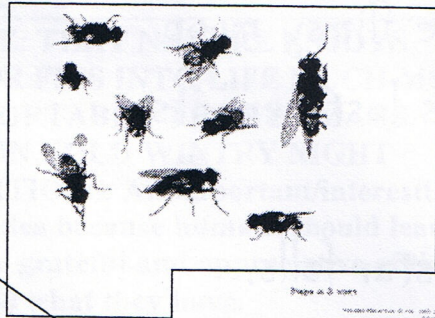


The deer are on the bare-blown hill  
Like smiles on a nurse.

The flies are behind the plaster  
Like the lost score of a jig.

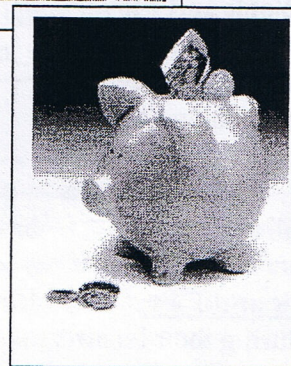


Written sheet

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Sparrows are in the ivy-clump  
Like money in a pig.



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